attitude towards the programme of economic reforms in India. The Conference also noted the suggestion made by the Prime Minister to create a new policy and legislative climate conducive to new investment in all sectors of the economy. The social partners in the Conference reiterated their commitment to maintain a national consensus on the issues relating to labour standards and trade so as to guide the government in the WTO and ILO negotiations. Many of the central trade unions demanded that they should be consulted while government takes decision on disinvestments and privatization in public sector units. They also demanded that workers dues and wages would be the first priority on any sick unit referred to BIFR and identified for liquidation. The social partners, especially the trade unions were concerned about the implications of the revised Exim Policy and requested the government to reconsider the decision to put about 700 items on Open General Licence.

Increase in Pension Amount

4950. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the pension amount payable to the Central Government pensioners due to increasing inflationary condition in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) whether Government propose to restore the commuted amount of pension in respect of those pensioners who have completed more than 10 years period or crossed 65 years of age till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The pension amount payable by Central Government is compensated against price increase twice in a year by way of dearness relief at par with dearness allowance being extended to serving employees.

(d) No, Sir.